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Margaret P. Grafeld, Director

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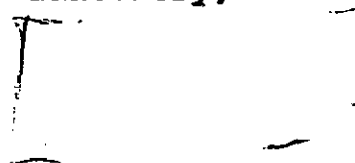
Mr. Warren Christopher  
Undersecretary of State  
United States Department of State  
Washington D.C. 20520

Dear Mr. Christopher,

I am writing to you concerning the circumstances surrounding a group of forty-one prisoners held in two cell blocks of Penitentiary Unit No. 9 in La Plata, Argentina. These prisoners were all transferred from other prisons throughout Argentina and are being held in isolation. Three of them have already been killed and the lives of the remaining thirty-eight are in grave danger. They have been personally threatened with death and Argentine military officials have indicated their intention to liquidate them as secretly as possible.

In view of the imminent threat to the survival of these men, it is imperative that they be permitted visits from their families and from international observers. I would request you to exert the full extent of your influence both to protect the lives of these individuals and, in light of the United States' involvement with the Argentine military, to ensure that in no way is this country guilty of complicity in such a mass murder.

Sincerely,



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NAMES OF THE THIRTY-EIGHT ENDANGERED PRISONERS

ANGUITA, Eduardo  
ARANOVICH, Edgardo  
BARILI, Jorge  
BATAILLES, Ruben  
BRONTES, Demetrio  
CANETE, Emiliano  
CARRANZA, Gonzalo  
CAZEZ CAMARERO, Pedro  
CORREA, Raul  
CREAN, Horacio  
DE BENEDETTI, Gabriel  
DOUDEBES, Omar  
ELIZALDE, Alberto  
GALANSKY, Carlos  
GARCIA, Jorge  
GOMEZ, Ramon  
GONZALEZ, Hector  
JAUREGUI, Ruben  
LAMI, Eduardo

MANERA JOHNSON, Gabriel  
MARCO, Martin  
MARTINEZ, Carlos  
MATHEWS, Oscar  
MENAJOVSKY, Julio  
MONSEGUR, Pablo  
MONTENEGRO, Oscar  
PODOLSKY, Jorge  
PONCE DE LEON, Carlos  
PROVENZANO, Francisco  
RODRIGUEZ, Rodolfo  
RODRIGUEZ SA, Ricardo  
ROMANO, Ruben  
SUAREZ, Ruben  
TAIANA, Jorge  
VEIGA, Jorge  
VIEIRA, Ricardo  
VILLANUEVA, Ernesto  
VILLANUEVA, Juan

NAMES OF THE DEAD

BRAICOVICH, Eduardo  
GUTIERREZ, Angel Georgidis  
RAPPAPORT, Hugo